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Applicant(s): Ronald S. Maynard
Title: THIN-FILM SHAPE MEMORY ALLOY, ACTUATORS AND PROCESSING METHODS
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San Jose, California
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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D. C. 20231

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the non-final Office action dated November 24, 2000, having a shortened statutory period set to expire February 24, 2001. Filed herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time requesting a two-month extension, thereby giving the undersigned a period until April 24, 2001, in which to respond. Further examination and consideration are requested.

AMENDMENTS

✓ In the Claims

Please cancel claims 23-25 without prejudice to the subject matter disclosed therein.

Please substitute each of the following claims for the pending claim with the same number:

- 1, ~~26~~. (Amended) A shape memory alloy catheter comprising:
a catheter body formed with a sidewall portion;